

**Willowcreek Middle School
School/Community Council Meeting
September 11, 2006 - 12:00 Noon**

Jerrilyn Mortensen, of Alpine School District, gave the WMS School/Community Council and the PTSA a presentation to help us understand the Bond and Leeway. With this Bond and Leeway Election year, it is evident that population matters in the north and west areas of Alpine School District.

The theme of the Bond Presentation is: ***“Anchored in Excellence”***.

Alpine School District has three main points of interest in all students education

1. Teaching Democracy
2. Welcoming ALL students into school
3. Giving all students a caring environment and great resources to further their education

In the spring of 2006, Alpine School District hired an outside source to conduct a parent survey. This is what they found:

- 70% Rate Quality
- 81% Too Little Money
- 86% Overcrowding

Between the years 2000-2006, Alpine School District had grown by 9,000 students. By the year 2010, the projected growth is approximately 8,000 more students. We are growing by leaps and bounds, especially in the north and west areas of the district. The number of students in 2006 is 56,123. By 2010 the projected number of students is 64,750.

The goal of Alpine School District overall is to help all students gain an education in the best environment possible. To do this, Alpine School District currently has the goal to pass the Bond and Leeway Election. Above all we want to provide the best education for all students while providing adequate housing facilities as well.

What are Leeway costs and why do we need the Leeway proposition passed? The Leeway is operational costs, such as utility costs, PDT Days(for the teachers) and necessary personnel to open a new facility. The operational funds are approximately \$511,365 for an elementary, \$1,499,422 for a middle school or Jr. High, and \$2,206,774 for a high school.

What are Bond funds? Bond funds are the construction costs of new buildings as well as remodels. The need of a Bond election year was determined by assessing the needs of the district and the patron survey. After the public meeting in the spring, the community feedback told Alpine School District what they would like to see with the Bond money. It has been decided to build one(1) new high school in the Saratoga Springs area, and completely rebuild Orem High. There

